

**State of Connecticut  
Department of Developmental Services  
February 4, 2010  
Rowland Government Center  
55 West Main Street, Waterbury, CT**

## MINUTES

**Present: Fritz Gorst, Mickey Herbst, Arlene Steinfeld, Ivan Villa, Lula Hoffler (SAC Support)**

**Absent: John Gibson, Gil Kellersman, Jeanne Braude-Magi, Lisa Schwab, Alec Vlahos**

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No quorum. This was not an official meeting.

### **Introduction of New Member**

Fritz introduced Ivan Villa as the newest member of the West Region Advisory Council. Ivan gave an eloquent talk on what he does as a Self Advocate Coordinator for the West Region. He shared the names of Committees that he is on and he briefly explained about the speaking engagements that he has. He expressed that he is happy to be a member of the West Region Advisory Council.

### **Conversion**

Fritz shared information on the conversion.

### **Waitlist**

The Council members received a copy of the Waitlist presentation material and will review. They will ask questions at the next meeting.

### **Proposed Legislation**

The group reviewed proposed legislation for DDS and focused on Advisory Council roles and responsibilities. Several questions were raised from the handout. Fritz to address with Christine Pollio and get back to the Council with answers.

### **Suggestions for Speakers**

There was a discussion around topics of discussion for speakers to come to a future Advisory Council meeting. The membership will think about suggestions and share at the next meeting.

### **New Membership**

Fritz will send out an email to case managers for them to ask any of their families if they are interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Council.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on **March 4, 2010** at **4:30 p.m.** at 55 West Main Street, Waterbury.